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SUBJECT: BRITISH REQUEST TO TRANSIT ASCENSION

REF: SEITZ-CHURCHLLL TELCON JULY 28

1. FCO HAS URGENTLY REQUESTING USG APPROVAL FOR
BRITISH CALEDONIAN AIRWAYS UNDER CONTRACT TO HMG TO
MAKE TWO TRANSITS OF ASCENSION ISLAND ON AUGUST 1
AND AUGUST 4. EACH BOEING 707 WILL CARRY AMMUNITION
AND OTHER MILITARY SUPPLIES FOR THE KENYA GOVERNMENT
TRAVELLING VIA SIERRA LEONE, ASCENSION, ZAIRE, AND
TANZANIA TO NAIROBI.

2. FIRST FLIGHT (BR-6843) DEPARTS UK 1900 JULY 31
ARRIVING ASCENSION 0500 AUGUST 1 AND DEPARTING 0600
SAME DAY. SECOND FLIGHT (BR-6849) DEPARTS UK 1900
AUGUST 3 ARRIVING ASCENSION 0500 AUGUST 4 AND
DEPARTING 0600 SAME DAY. EACH FLIGHT WILL REQUIRE
13,000 GALLONS OF REFUELLING AT ASCENSION.

3. WE UNDERSTAND BRITISH CALEDONIAN HAS INDEPENDENTLY
INITIATED CLEARANCE REQUEST THROUGH CIVIL AVIATION NET,
BUT FCO HAS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THAT THESE TRANSITS
HAVE USG APPROVAL.

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